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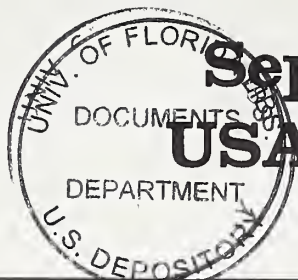
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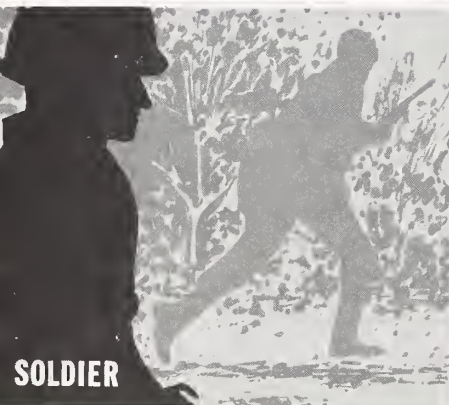




September marks USASA anniversary



23 YEARS OF SERVICE



On the fifteenth of this month, the United States Army Security Agency celebrates its 23d anniversary. Since 1945, USASA has served as an integral part of the United States communications security effort in defense of the free world.

Today USASA is a modern up-to-date organization, yet its roots can be traced as far back as the warfare of Ancient Greece. To keep their communications secure, Spartan couriers, 2300 years ago, wore belts inscribed with jumbled letters which became intelligible messages only when wound around a baton of the proper size and shape.

In recent history, the activities of the Cipher Bureau of the Military Intelligence Division and the Radio Section, General Staff, American Expeditionary Force foreshadowed USASA's work. Both these organizations were established shortly after the United States' entry into World War I.

In 1929 the Signal Intelligence Service (SIS) took over many of the functions of these two activities. Then, in 1943, the SIS became the Signal Security Agency which on Sept. 15, 1945, at Arlington Hall Station, was redesignated the Army Security Agency.

Since that time, USASA operations have expanded steadily and units have distinguished themselves in all parts of the world.

In 1964, USASA became a major field command. Now, in 1968, its units are spread around the world performing a complex and essential mission.

Proud of its past, USASA looks to its future.

The Agency recognizes its role in the defense of the United States and the free world. The role is demanding, the challenge formidable.

For 23 years the United States Army Security Agency has met the challenge. It eagerly awaits the challenge to come.

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OUR COVER

USASA's 13th Annual Picnic—"Help yourself, there's plenty!" More pictures and story on page 8.

Ideas + Initiative = Money

Better ideas to produce a better, faster, safer or cheaper operation paid \$12,640 to USASA military personnel and civilian employees who took the initiative to recommend them in fiscal year 1968. Of 4,913 suggestions submitted, 1,066 were adopted, resulting in a saving of \$280,815.

What were some of these suggestions that saved time, money, materiel and manpower? Who were some of the "thinkers" and how were they rewarded?

At the Training Center and School, Ft. Devens, \$144,652 was saved as a result of SFC Noel T. Showers' suggestion to remodel some old tables rather than purchase new typewriter tables to accommodate newly-purchased typewriters. Noting that about 1,500 tables were to be discarded and replaced because the new typewriters were too wide to fit into the wells, he suggested that aluminum fillers be made for the wells to level the tables. The idea worked and SFC Showers is \$1,000 richer! And that's not all—the future holds promise for additional rewards because the suggestion has been recommended for adoption by USASA installations worldwide.

Two other noncommissioned officers at the TC&S received \$300 each for suggestions which saved more than \$22,000 in the first year. Observing that students in the communications equipment courses utilized only a few of the 50 different tools issued for work on electronic gear, MSG Robert S. Issacs suggested that a smaller pouch containing 12 tools was sufficient to do the job. A saving of more than \$13,000 was realized on the initial purchase alone. SSG James P. Ball found that a small electronic control box which was used with a standard piece of communications equipment was unnecessary. His suggestion to discontinue the use of the "box" was adopted, bringing about an initial saving of more than \$9,000.

At the Materiel Support Command, Vint Hill Farms, MSG Donald P. Stafford and SP5 Harold W. Burnell shared an \$815 award for suggesting the use of a printed circuit board and module tester to locate defective components when repairing a particular piece of electronic equipment. Implementation of this suggestion will save the Agency \$32,674 annually.

In the Southern Command, \$265 was awarded SP4 Gary Jugenheimer, for suggesting a change in the procedure for administrative handling of individual medical records of newly assigned personnel.

Approximately four man-hours per month will be saved at installations throughout the Command because SP5 Bobby J. Smith, Europe, suggested a revision to several forms. He pocketed \$30.

SFC Denver D. Farley and SP7 Bennett Bell, Pacific, shared \$100 for a suggestion which developed a new type of operations equipment.

At USASA Headquarters, tickets had been issued for worn or defaced parking decals, requiring employees to report to the Office of the Provost Marshal for replacements, until Walter J. Flynn, ODCSCOM, suggested that the Military Police replace these decals rather than issue tickets. He was awarded \$25.

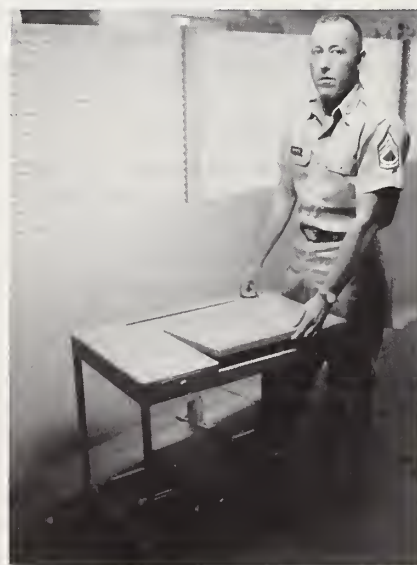
As the foregoing indicates, any idea—no matter how large or how small—is welcomed. Perhaps a few of the examples will prompt some to say: "How come so and so got an award for this or that idea? We implemented it at 'Able Station' while I was there three years ago! What's the scoop?" The scoop is—no one took the initiative to communicate the good idea through the Suggestion Program. No one cashed in on it until now!

The Command's goal for fiscal year 1969 is to receive 6,880 suggestions and to adopt one out of four. Why not take a shot at the target and join

the winners? Thinking up ways of improving a job not only relieves the monotony of it, but taking the initiative to suggest them leads the way to adoption. And adopted suggestions pay well! Cash awards range from \$15 to \$25,000, depending upon the size of the savings to the taxpayer.

Would you like a few pointers? Well, look for an easier and more efficient way of doing the work—taking into consideration less people, motion, time, equipment and supplies. Check regulations and procedures—they may have become outdated or lost their effectiveness. Recognize safety requirements, preventing accidents may involve repairs, replacements or installations of certain items.

Now that an idea has come up, complete a DA Form 1045, Suggestion Blank. Be sure the suggestion is carefully and accurately described and list its advantages, including time, effort, materiel or money which the idea might save the Government during the first year. It's now ready to be sent to the Incentive Awards Committee. Don't put it off, put it over! ✎



SFC Showers stands with the modified typing table. His idea won \$1,000.



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



SFC Clinton L. Colby was "piped over" June 21 during retirement ceremonies at the Naval Comm Tng Cen. SFC Jerry D. King (see arrow) replaced him as NCOIC of TC&S Pensacola Det.



The First Annual Teen Queen Contest raised \$776.89 in 12 days at a penny per vote for FS Herzo's American Youth Activities (AYA). Competing were (L-R): Debbie McLean 15, Evelyn Stearns 13, Wanda Stearns 16 and Brenda Riggleman 15. Their fathers are SSM Allen McLean, SSG Paul Stearns and 1SG Charles Riggleman. Wanda Stearns was declared the winner on August 10.

Florida—The Soldier and the Operator of the month at FS Homestead really have it made. In addition to the standard three day pass and exemption from details, they receive a free trip to the Bahamas via Air Force space-available flights! SP4s Richard L. Smith and Fletcher W. Swezey were the lucky winners in August.

Georgia—LTC Jack H. Jacobus, USASA Det. Third Army, Atlanta, added *five* service ribbons to his uniform at one time! He has had these ribbons, earned for WWII Merchant Marine service, for 24 years, but was not authorized to wear them until Change 16 to AR 667-5-1 took effect, on September 20, 1967.

Germany—In the latest quarterly competition, the following were named "best" in the entire 507th Gp: Best Company, Supply Room & Orderly Room—Co B 318th Bn; Best UPO and Motor Pool—319th Bn; Best Sig Maint —183d Opns Co; Best Dayroom—182d Opns Co and Best Plans & Tng Ctr—318th Bn.

At FS Herzo, the winners in the annual "Most Beautified" competition were Co B (for the second time) and House 27 in Building 1652. Runners-up were HQ Co and House 33 in Building 1653. CPT Benjamin Olenick is CO of Company B.

Meanwhile, FS Bad Aibling named Building 311 as Best Building for the second time. To protect this and other buildings, Bad Aibling now has its own Volunteer Fire Dept. headed by SFC Thomas V. Raif, who is assisted by SSG Rex T. Huffaker.

Japan—SP5 and Mrs. Macon Davis are the parents of Tina and Jonathan, the first twins ever born at U.S. Army Hospital, Chitose.

Korea—For the second time in a row, 100 per cent of the men of Co A, USASA Gp Korea, have donated blood.

USASA Gp Korea men are engaged in many civic projects: HHC supports the Yu-Rin Orphanage of Seoul, commcenter men are helping build a new hospital, while Ops Co, Kangwha-Do, donates money, material and manpower to area projects. Donations help pay the salary of a doctor at the clinic and supplement a tuberculosis program. The unit also provides trucks to haul building material for a chapel and manpower to help in the construction of new classrooms.

Okinawa—2LT Wheeler H. Alsbrook was a SSG in the 400th USASA SOD, 1st Special Forces Gp, until his recent direct commission to the Signal Corps. 2LT Wheeler has graduated from 10 USASA, airborne and Special Forces courses.

The 400th USASA SOD claims two ASA-wide records: the highest per capita contribution to the Benefit Association—\$4.54 (11 men contributed \$50.00) and 100% reenlistment for last quarter (earning the unit an ASAPAC Certificate of Achievement and a Quarterly reenlistment Plaque).

Panama—Tops on USASA's annual PCPT test were SP5 Eddie Howard, 497, and SP4 Brian Merchant, 495. Can anyone top this??

Texas—Believe It or Not—USASA's best mess hall? For two months in a row the 311th ASA Bn HHC Mess won the Best Mess Award at Ft. Wolters. The competition? Six civilian-contract messes serving WO candidates! What's more, the HHC Mess topped the 311th's other five messes at Fts. Hood, Riley and Carson to win the Bn Best Mess of the Quarter. SSG D. R. Stillwell is Mess Steward.

The 40-man 375th ASA Co, Ft. Hood, claims an Armed-Forces-wide record: 100% participation in Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares! CPT Donald B. Stewart, CO, was drive coordinator.

SP6 Charles D. Nethaway, Good-fellow Det., was the top honor graduate in the July 19 graduation of the first tri-service class of the Technical Instructor School. SP5 Larry E. Howard placed third out of ten.



Top—39 members of the "14th Continental Massachusetts Infantry" from ASATR, Ft. Devens, march down famed Peachtree Street in Atlanta's July 4 "Salute to America" parade. Nearly one-half million people viewed this spectacular parade in person, while millions more saw it on television. The Continentals, with their fife and drum section and musket "fire team" were extremely popular.

MSG Meyrick T. (Max) Smith—the first man assigned to Goodfellow Det. in April 1966, became the first member of the Det. to be promoted to MSG, in a surprise promotion party June 27. MSG Smith, with 15 years service, was a SSG just three years ago! USAFSS COL L. G. Miller presented the stripes.

Vietnam—Five NCO's in the 372d RR Co have more than 100 years service among them. They range from SSG Amado Mancha with 18 years to 1SG Henry R. Quillen with over 21 years. In between are SSG Joseph C. Davis, SFC Harry J. Dellett and SFC Robert L. Burns.

Ever heard of someone saved by the regulations? Early on the morning of June 4, SP5 Richard F. Keyes was on duty as CQ of the 372d RR Co in Cu Chi when the unit came under heavy rocket attack. Shrapnel from a 122mm rocket which hit 15 meters from the orderly room in which Keyes was working, penetrated the walls and a bookcase. However, com-

mand regulations in the bookcase proved too tough for the shrapnel to penetrate—SP5 Keyes, who was sitting in front of the bookcase, was saved by the regulations!

SP5 Forres M. Deis had completed out-processing at Vint Hill Farms and would have left the Army in a few hours when a message arrived promoting him to SP6 in his secondary MOS. This carried a VRB of 4 while his primary had only a VRB of 2. SP6 Deis signed for six—and the maximum VRB of \$10,000.

Bottom—Stephen G. Wilkerson enters the University of Tennessee this month to study engineering under a four-year \$6,000 scholarship. Stephen's father (right), Samuel A. Wilkerson was the 311th ASA Bn Sergeant Major, Ft. Wolters, Texas, until his retirement May 31 and move to Tennessee. Mrs. Wilkerson is at left. (USAF Photo)

The Americal RR Co (P) received the 313th Bn Commander's Trophy for 4th Quarter FY68 for outstanding professional achievement. CPT Dennis G. Huffman is CO.

The "Tiger Tamers" of the 138th Avn Co (RR) have just moved into a new area with new quarters and new Ops buildings.

On July 21, in conjunction with a company party at China Beach nearly 30 men of the 138th visited the China Beach Orphanage and threw an im-

promptu party with \$100 worth of candy, fruits, etc. for the nearly 300 orphans.

Many different civic projects are constantly under way at FS Asmara in Ethiopia. Pictured above is a windmill being erected by A Company members of the volunteer Agriculture Program (AP). The first windmill was erected at Teclesan while the latest was erected at Addi Ugri. It took two weeks to complete and will be very beneficial to the villagers.

Other projects by the AP volunteers include irrigation planning and instructing villagers in modern planting and flood control. Leaders of the AP include SP4s Merle Busic, Larry Smith and Bryce Widdowson.

The big project of HHC is helping the students of the Adi Teclesan elementary and junior high school.

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James, who is an Eagle Scout and member of the National Honor Society, will receive more than \$1,000 annually under the scholarship, in addition to having all his tuition expenses paid.

No news from your unit? Send it in!



ODCSPER

□ **Non-careerists Pay Examined**—A recurring topic among servicemen is money—specifically, the lack of it. But according to the Hubbell Study Group which is examining the military pay structure, Army non-careerists are doing much better financially than most of their civilian counterparts.

Non-careerists, generally, are those in the service for only one tour. They are usually young (average age 20), without dependents and on-post residents.

Under the present day structure, this segment of the military keeps more residual pay—money after room, board, medical care, clothing—than the single male high school graduate employed as a civilian.

If the Hubbell recommendations are adopted, the non-careerists' financial edge over the civilian will increase. Some of the recommendations include: promotion to pay grade E2 within four months of active service; promotion to E3 within one year of active service; and redesignation of "basic pay" to "personal money pay," adjusted annually to keep in step with the national economy.

Here is a projected comparison between the average non-careerist and his civilian counterpart in education and age with the Hubbell proposals:

		(Remainder after Expenses)	
Years of Service	Age	Military	Civ. H.S. Grad
1	19	\$1,202	\$1,198
2	20	1,522	1,296
3	21	1,985	1,393
4	22	2,403	1,471
Total		\$7,112	\$5,358

□ **What Happens to Old MOS?**—Enlisted personnel receiving a new primary MOS may wonder what happens to their old one.

The old MOS is withdrawn if the individual is no longer qualified in the MOS or if it is deleted from the Army MOS structure. However, if the soldier remains qualified in his former primary MOS—one that has not been deleted—it must be redesignated as a secondary MOS or awarded as an additional MOS. (See Chapter 2, AR 600-200.)

□ **Vietnam Veterans Offered Choice**—Vietnam veterans wanting to return to that country can now volunteer for specific detachments there. DA Message 869644 changes AR 614-30 and permits personnel volunteering for a second or subsequent tour in Vietnam to request a preferred assignment and, unless otherwise stated, be considered for that assignment only.

Only Agency and STRATCOM personnel can make requests for assignments at the detachment level; others must be made for units or major subordinate commands.

ODCSFOR

□ **Subject Schedule Evaluations Sought**—Commanders of active and reserve USASA units have been asked to evaluate a draft of an Army Subject Schedule. Comments on *MOS Technical Training of Voice Interceptor* (MOS 98G20), sent to the field in April 1968, are due to reach Headquarters, USASA, no later than Dec. 31, 1968.

Purpose of the evaluation is to improve the Subject Schedule's content through the suggestions of field commanders and men who will be using the publication.

When the comments are in, Department of the Army will be requested to publish *MOS Technical Training of Voice Interceptor* in its final form.

ODCSLOG

□ **Kagnew Air Shipments Authorized**—USASA personnel returning from or headed for Kagnew Station, Asmara, Ethiopia, will be happy to learn that air shipment of household goods to and from that east African post are now authorized.

Since the closing of the Suez Canal, household shipments have taken the irritatingly slow ship route around Africa's Cape of Good Hope. At times goods were delayed up to six months.

The new Department of the Army ruling authorizes local transportation officers to arrange the air shipments. That means there is no red tape for the person shipping—all he needs to do is see his transportation officer.

Air shipment of household goods for Army personnel is also authorized to and from Iran, Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan and Nepal, in addition to Ethiopia, and remains in effect until the Suez Canal is reopened and normal shipping schedules are resumed.

□ **Logistics Chief Named**—COL Andrew L. Schalbrack Jr. assumed his new duties as Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, USASA, on July 19, 1968 at Arlington Hall Station. COL Schalbrack studied at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., prior to arriving at his present job.

ODCSOPS

□ **TC&S System Sets Pace**—USASA's Training Center and School, Ft. Devens, Mass., is fast becoming a model for progressive instructional systems.

The latest organizations to emulate the TC&S structure are the U.S. Marine Corps and the Internal Revenue Service. Officials from these two groups are currently working with Dr. C. L. John Legere, Deputy Director of Career Development Study at TC&S, to pattern their educational systems along the lines of TC&S.

Dr. Legere, with TC&S colleagues Dr. Edward B. Flynn Jr. and Dr. William R. Tracy, is the author of *The Development of Instructional Systems*, a manual used by the U.S. Armed Forces and many colleges and universities.

303d Honored by LTG Weyand

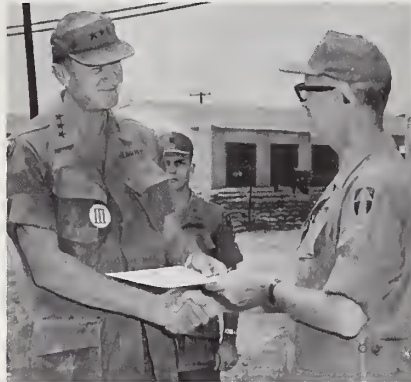
On March 28, Lieutenant General Frederick C. Weyand, Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam, presented the Meritorious Unit Commendation for the period 1 June 1966 to 31 July 1967 to the 303d Radio Research Battalion. Commanders during that period were LTC John J. Masters (June 66-April 67) and LTC Norman J. Campbell (April 67-July 67). Following the reading of the citation, LTG Weyand addressed the Battalion.

Although his remarks recognize the 303d, specifically, for its outstanding performance in Vietnam, many of LTG Weyand's comments could also be applied to other units and personnel. The following are excerpts from LTG Weyand's comments.

"Having listened to that citation, I must say that there is not much that I could add to the description of the exemplary and outstanding manner in which you have performed as individuals and, having performed that way, the outstanding results that have

been produced by your battalion and its several companies. It is always easy for the people to see the performance of an infantry battalion or brigade in fighting and winning the battle. The performance of a support unit is not so obvious. . .

"I recall one of my first experiences as the Commanding General of the



LTG Weyand, CG, II Field Force Vietnam, presents the MUC to LTC Norman J. Campbell, then CO, 303d RR Bn.

25th U.S. Division here in Vietnam some two years ago, was in going out to a forward position and finding one of your elements there, which surprised me, because this is a place that you would not ordinarily expect to find anyone unless he had to be there to actually engage the enemy. But you were there, and you were there because that was the place that you felt you had to be to do the job, regardless of the danger that was involved. So I am tremendously proud of you and your battalion.

"... I am very cognizant, as the citation says, of the long hours and the truly dedicated spirit with which you went about doing your job regardless of the personal hardships and many personal irritations that you could have used as excuses to do something less. I am here today because I want to extend to you my personal commendation and appreciation for the job that you have done. Congratulations!"

Will You Be Part of the Act?

Throughout our history some election rhetoricians have attempted to distort our voting process into a string of "sacred right" cliches which plainly translated mean, "Vote!—but above all vote for my candidate."

Today's USASA soldier sees through the cliches; political quackery is as repugnant to him as any other kind of social malpractice.

He is a sophisticated citizen, aware of candidates and issues. He is sensitive to contemporary problems—not a complacent "follower," but a questioning individual who rejects the one-dimensional answer to a complex question.

USASA military personnel away from their legal voting places need to obtain an absentee voting ballot to vote in the coming election. This is a simple procedure, but one that must be self-initiated.

First the individual should deter-

mine if he meets the residence and registration requirements of his home state. His unit voting officer can assist him in this.

Next he must complete the Federal Post Card Application for Absentee Ballot, known as the FPCA, and mail it to his home town or county election office. The political party preference statement, Block 2 on the FPCA, must be filled out if an absentee ballot for a primary election is desired.

Beginning with this year's election, and for subsequent General Elections at two-year intervals, the Department of Defense has directed an "in-hand" delivery system of FPCAs to all military personnel eligible to vote. This means that eligible voters will receive their FPCA personally from the voting officer or his representative.

Commanding officers and voting officers are ready to assist the soldier

with any questions related to applying for an absentee ballot or to any aspect of the voting procedure.

Federal and Armed Service laws are inflexible on absentee voting regulations. Specifically, the ballot must be marked *secretly* and no individual will attempt to influence anyone in his choice of candidate.

This election, most USASA personnel will see their responsibility to vote and accept it. To them the question, "Does my vote count?" is a rhetorical one. They know that whether by computer or by hand, votes are tallied one by one.

Voting in our democracy is a highly social yet singularly individual action; it is, as political chronicler Theodore H. White observed, "a simultaneous act of many citizens."

This election, will you be part of the act?

And a good time was had by all . . .

Gray skies and a threat of rain did little to dampen the buoyant spirits of the more than 3,500 people who attended the 13th Annual USASA Picnic at FS Vint Hill Farms, Warrenton, Va., on July 27.

The theme of this year's picnic was "Round-Up Day for ASA"—and appropriately so. USASA people were "rounded up" from near and far, and blended with ingredients that make for fun. The resulting concoction was a lively gathering.

Here are some of the ingredients. The renowned U.S. Army parachute

team—the "Golden Knights"—excited the crowd with their celestial ballet and returned to reality with uncanny precision, landing dead-center on their target.

Outstanding show horses from Virginia and Maryland moved through their paces with a grace that matched their beauty. As the jumping horses approached the gates, you could almost feel the audience pulling for them to make it.

And there was music. The sounds of the well-disciplined U.S. Army Field Band of Washington, D.C. en-



Cartoons and clowns, balloons and fire engine rides (above), and pony and "train" rides kept the hundreds of children well entertained. The U.S. Army "Golden Knights" (left) provided thrills for everyone and an exceptional display of precision jumping. Mr. Fred Hughes (below) and his horse, Bon Soir, won the informal competition.



veloped the picnic grounds with music to suit almost every taste. The Band's program ranged from traditional Souza marches to the today sound of "Up, Up and Away."

There was something for the younger set too. Local television personality Ranger Hal entertained the children with his cartoon show and the Vint Hill Farms Clowns brought more than one smile with their antics.

A tennis court was transformed into a dance floor so the teenagers could do their thing to the electric sounds of a local rock group.

Yes, ASA's picnic had more; it had the thrill of competition. The Vikings of the Vint Hill Farms squeaked by Arlington Hall Station with a last-inning rally to capture the ASA Day Softball Trophy by a score of 4-3. The Vint Hill officer's volleyball team was also victorious over its Arlington Hall counterpart.

The USASA picnic had food—plenty of good food. Barbecued and fried chicken, steamship round of beef, potato salad, baked beans and cole slaw helped to soothe some healthy appetites. Ice cold soft drinks and barrels of beer proved the perfect mates to the excellent food.

There was one picnicker with a special reason to smile. SSG Byron C. Riley of Arlington Hall Station won the color television set raffled off by the USASA Benefit Association. SSG Riley realized a tangible award for his charitable nature, but all the other ticket holders also profited through their donations. The profits from the raffle will help to support the wives and children of deceased USASA personnel.

Food, beer, entertainment and beautiful surroundings are all important ingredients of a good picnic, but the most important ingredient of all is people: The ASA Picnic had more than 3,500 of them—ASA people from around the world. Old friends and new—meeting, talking, playing—having a good time. This was the best ingredient, the one holding all the rest together.

The picnic ended, but not the friendly feeling. It will continue throughout the year, to be renewed once again at ASA's 14th Annual Picnic next summer.



The Vikings of Vint Hill Farms pose for a picture after upending Arlington Hall Station, 4-3, to capture the USASA Day Softball Trophy.



The Vint Hill Farms Precision Drill Team, organized last April by SSG Enrique Rodriguez, performed maneuvers with unsheathed bayonets.



With so many interesting activities to take advantage of, the big question for men, women and children was: What shall I do next?

Agency Heroes Save 7 Lives

**Thin Ice Breaks; Three Germans Drown
Soldier Drowns at Popular Hawaiian Beach
Teenager Drowns in Massachusetts Lake
Two Die in Burning House
Armed Bandit Escapes Capture**

These tragic headlines were never written because USASA soldiers were in the right place at the right time.

On Saturday, January 13, 1968, SP4 Jim Lauderbaugh and some of his friends from FS Berlin took 30 children from an orphanage for a day of ice skating in a park. When the sky darkened, the wind rose, and snow started to fall, the group decided to leave. As they left the ice, a loud noise caused SP4 Lauderbaugh to turn around and see three elderly Germans crash through the surface of the thin ice. Even though the ice was cracking around him, and he was drenched with frigid water, SP4 Lauderbaugh pulled the three victims out one by one.

In Hawaii last year SP5s Keith R. Ball and Joseph E. Mahan of HQ ASAPAC were sunbathing at Hapuna Beach when they heard a cry for help. SP5 Ball swam to the drowning man and kept him afloat for 35 minutes. Meanwhile SP5 Mahan made a raft from a picnic table top which he succeeded in pushing through heavy currents beyond the breaker line to the two men.

SSG Marion E. Parker of FS Vint Hill Farms last year "saved valuable minutes which were critical to the lives

of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Merchant" of Manassas, Va., when he crawled into their burning house and brought them to safety.

The object of an "act of bravery" by PFC Michael Teece of ASATC&S, Ft. Devens, was not grateful. While making a telephone call in a Boston hotel lobby last November, PFC Teece heard a woman scream and saw a man with a dark metallic object flee from the lobby. PFC Teece pursued the man, who had attempted to rob an airline ticket counter in the hotel lobby, overtook and tackled him. The man had a loaded pistol in his pocket. PFC Teece was presented a citation from Governor John A. Volpe at a joint session of the Massachusetts legislature. However, the most appreciated award was a free round trip ticket home (Joliet, Ill.) from the airline!

All of the above have received or have been recommended for the Soldier's Medal.

However many heroic acts go unnoticed. This summer PFC Charles Whittier of ASATR, Ft. Devens, was teaching four teenagers to swim. One drifted into deep water and lost control of a beachball which had been supporting him. Whittier swam out and pulled him to shore. Later PFC Whittier said "There was really not much to it; I just sort of went out and got him." The only reward he received for this is the knowledge that he saved a life. For him, and for many others, this is enough. ■

USASABA To Issue Certificates

At its regular meeting on July 11, the Executive Committee of the USASA Benefit Association unanimously approved a recommendation to award certificates of recognition for contributions to the Association. The certificates will recognize two levels of donations: a gold certificate for an annual contribution of \$50 or more, and a silver certificate for an annual contribution of \$25 or more. Both certificates will be signed by Major General Charles J. Denholm, Commanding General, USASA.

All Commanders are requested to forward to this HQ, ATTN: CSM Charron, Secretary, USASABA, the names

and amounts of all individual contributors of \$25 or more since the inception of the Benefit Association.

The Committee also approved the issuing of a membership card to each contributor to the Association. The wallet-sized card will carry the person's name and the amount contributed during the year. The card will serve as recognition of contributions and will provide a record of a contribution for soldiers who are transferred to a new unit or who are in a training school. The card will be reproduced by each command. ■



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MASTER SERGEANT: Edward F. Farrell, William Jones, Stanley R. Staples.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Robert L. Samson, Earl S. Sufflow.

SPECIALIST 7: Gerhardt Thamm.

STAFF SARGEANT: Robert L. Ayers.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Quality Pay Increases

Mrs. Vivienne Austin, Miss Anne Beuchemin, William Kilp, Miss Anna Louis, Miss Elizabeth A. Miller and Mrs. Mildred A. Tyler.

Sustained Superior Performance Awards

Allen Beiling, George Buckley, Mrs. Alice Gill, Mrs. Barbara Sorrells, Arthur Tyson and Morris Vernon.

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Harold Allen, Page Boldt, Willis Carter, Thomas Coffingham, Mrs. Claire Deane, Mrs. Nancy Dittman, James Flynn, James Franco, James D. Fuller, Ronald Goldstein, Charles Gray, Mrs. Helma D. Gustafson, George A. Harvey, Mrs. Hilda Herrell, Lester LeTourneau, Mrs. Virginia McDill, James McFadden, Kenneth McKinney, Mrs. Dorothy McLaughlin, Max McLaughlin, Edward Merrill, Mrs. Jean S. Okuda, Charles Osborn, Clovis D. Ritter, Roland Rush, Stanley Swavely, Evan Triandafilou and Daniel Vol Janin.



Near capacity crowds enjoyed "An Evening of Melodrama" by the 34-member Arlington Hall Station Garrison Players July 25-28. Pictured above is the climax to "Bessie, the Bandit's Beautiful Daughter", one of five one-act plays presented—the most unusual being live "silent movie!" According to Director SP4 Wesley L. Skinner, "Participation by the audience was terrific—they were not only throwing peanuts at the villain, but also at each other!"

Also in July, the 20-member FS Bad Aibling Players presented Zoo Story, Public Eye and No Exit in a "Drama Night"; while Special Services at FS Asmara presented "Critic's Choice."

GOLF

Ethiopia—Another hole-in-one has been recorded at FS Asmara (see July R&R REPORT). Mrs. James Whitlock, wife of SP4 Whitlock, scored the golfers' dream on the 90-yard, par 3, 15th hole. She received a trophy and a dozen golf balls.

SP4 Gary Schweiger took the Kagnew Station Scratch Golf Tourney in July with a four-over-par 284, followed by Mike Salko (288) and SP4 Warren Stanchina (304). The top eight finishers represented Kagnew in the 15-team Mediterranean Golf Championships in Athens, Greece.

Ever heard of a Shotgun Golf Tournament? Eleven foursomes at Kagnew started simultaneously with a shotgun blast on July 27. The play was low ball match with each man playing against the others in his foursome. The winning individual golfer, Woldu Paulos, shot 69.

Virginia—SP6 Richard Kauffman won the June Vint Hill Golf Tournament with a 36-hole low gross of 156. Next were SP5 W. J. Small (157) and SP4 Bill Roberts (174).

Civic-minded 2LT Louis E. Meyers Jr., FS Homestead, unselfishly volunteered to help improve foreign relations. He escorted Christine Antunovic, Miss New Zealand, to the July 14 Miss Universe Coronation Ball and Dinner. SP5 Donald S. Menger, who reenlisted for \$9,200, (see July HALLMARK) escorted Maria Branbilla, Miss Peru.



The softball team of the 101st RR Co, Vietnam, recently won the U.S. Army Headquarters Area (Saigon) Softball Championship. BG A. F. Irzyk, Commander, USAHAC (center) presented the trophies. Team members from left: standing—SSG Kenneth R. Chambers, SP4 John R. Miller, 1SG Donal J. Brown (winner of League Most Valuable Player award) and SP5 Timothy R. Yoakam; kneeling—SP4 Rickey O. Johnston, SP5 Wayne F. Uesugi and SP5 Rickie L. Everett. Not pictured are SSGs Joseph R. Ryan Jr, Larry R. Combs; SP6 Edward Freshwater; SP5 Robert J. Morgan; SP4 Robert W. Baxter; PFCs Robert L. Hester Jr, Michael D. La Cour and Robert G. Hammerstein.

Japan—SFC Ron Pearson shot a record-breaking 68 on the par-72 course at FS Hakata. While breaking the record of 71, it will not go in the books because it was not shot in sanctioned competition.

Seven golfers from FS Hakata placed second with 489 (losing by only 2 strokes to Itazuke) in a June tourney of 80 players from four area installations. In a July 4 "Beat the Pro" Tourney, six of the seven golfers beating the pro's one-over-par 71 were from FS Hakata.

Texas—In the recent Ft. Hood Non-Divisional Golf Tournament, SFC Norman A. Blackwood of the 375th USASA Co (EW) won first in the 3d flight.

Germany—USASA winners in the recent Handicap Championships at FS Herzo are SP5 Frank Wickless (1st flight) and SFC Donald Douglas (3d flight).

The 507th USASA Gp's former antenna field at Baumholder is still serving a useful purpose—it is now the 9-hole Rolling Hills Golf Course.



Nearly 500 attended the June show of the FS Chitose Art Club. More than 160 oils, water colors, sculptures, photographs, ink prints, etc. were exhibited. The 18 exhibitors were on hand to discuss their works with visitors at the show.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Virginia—In June, SP6 John Mulhern was named Vint Hill Farms Athlete of the Year. He was selected on the basis of sportsmanship, leadership, cooperation, athletic ability and attendance at sports events.

KARATE

Korea—SP4 Bob Dill, a third-degree brown belt, won second place in karate matches in Seoul. SP4 Dill narrowly lost in his final match after winning three previous matches. Other ASA participants were SP4 Bob Fitzgerald and SP4 Dub Higginbotham.

Thailand—After a year of intensive practice, SGT Melvin Robinett, 83d RRSOU, was awarded the First Degree Black Belt in "Tae Kwon Do," Korean karate.

AUTO RACING

Germany—SP4 Hendrickson and his wife were the top American finishers in the annual German-American 100 Rallye. Only three German contestants topped the Hendricksons in this test of following instructions and map-reading.

SSG Bill Smith placed second in an eight-hour slot car race in Munich, 31 laps behind the winning team and 19 laps ahead of the third place team. At one time SSG Smith and his partner were 150 laps behind because they had been unable to practice before on the track. Instead of practicing, they had to rebuild the motors of their cars which had been burned out on the high voltage track.



A team from HQ Co, FS Rothwesten won an International Basketball Tournament in Kassel, Germany. They were undefeated in play against three German teams. SP5 John Smothers, who scored 15 points in the tourney, dumps in a free throw.

TRACK

Germany—The FS Bad Aibling took the team title in the Mannheim Invitational Track Meet. SP4 Boog Bower took first in the High Jump, second in Triple Jump and third in Broad Jump. PFC Ben Carter took second in the 100-meter and third in the 200-meter dash. PFC Jim Boyer placed second in the Shot Put and SP4 Phil Zammarron won first place in the 800-meter event.

SOFTBALL

Japan—The FS Hakata All-Stars won the June U.S. Army Japan Softball Tournament with a 3-1 tourney record, winning their final game 4-3 in extra innings. ISG Paul Turner pitched all four games and SP4 Paul Adrian belted Hakata's only home run.

Texas—The 311th USASA Bn softball team won the Ft. Wolters post championship with an 18-2 record. Coach SSG Floyd led the league with a .600+ batting average. Other .300+ sluggers were SSG Ken Silver, SP4 Jim Vermillion and SP5 Bryan Whaite.

BOWLING

California—Winners of the bowling awards for the year at FS Two Rock Ranch are: High Game Average Scratch—SP4 Joseph F. Stimac, High Series Scratch—SP5 Richard B. Hazel, High Game Scratch—SP5 Lewis G. Kingsberry, High Series Handicap—SP4 Truett W. Searcey and High Game Handicap—SP4 John Sanders.



SSG Rick Harrison (2d from left) won the beer guzzling contest at FS Herzo's July 4 celebration which included a greasy pole climb, sack races, beer, bratwurst, bands and fireworks. SSG Gary Carew, NCO Club Custodian, was director of the celebration.

SOCCER

Thailand—SP4 Steven Cooley, who played soccer at Yale, organized the first American soccer team in Thailand at the 83d RRSOU in April. The Booters have come from an 8-goal defeat by the British Army to a 1-1 deadlock with a German team. The Booters have recently expanded to become the American Community Team in the Cosmopolitan League. Members include Ted Cole, "Turk" Diracles, SP4 John Lee, SP4 Ralph Johnston and SP4 Don Credeur.

TENNIS

Maryland—SP4 David Fuller, USA-SA Spt Gp, Ft. Meade, won the FGGM Invitational Tennis Tournament July 17 in undefeated play. Four of the 12 entries in the tourney were from USASA.

Ethiopia—CPT Richard Harris, after taking the FS Asmara Tennis Tournament Singles, went on to capture the Mediterranean Championship Cup July 17, in Germany. Sharing in that victory were SP5 Robert Patrick, who placed second and Dennis Klippel, who placed 7th out of 22.

VARIETY SHOW

Korea—The USASA Talent Show performed for the second time at Gp HQs at the opening of the new Sylvester NCO Club in Yongdong-Po. New members of the "all star cast" are SP4 Gary "Tom" Watts on the skins and singer SP4 Bill Johnson.



■ **VA Outlines New Services**—The Veterans Administration reports that Vietnam era veterans are receiving personalized service unequalled in any other period of veterans affairs.

In line with President Johnson's instructions to bring service directly to the more than 70,000 servicemen returning monthly to civilian life, VA outlined some of its newly-formed programs:

- Establishment of one-stop Veterans Assistance Centers to aid recently discharged veterans through personal interviews, telephone conversations and home visits.
- Bedside counselling in 176 military hospitals to disabled servicemen even before they are discharged.
- Briefing and interviewing by VA representatives at six military bases in Vietnam to individuals nearing completion of their oversea tour.

■ **Levy and SEPOS Defined**—Two terms that often get confused are "levy" and "SEPOS" (Selected Enlisted Personnel for Overseas Shipment). They don't mean the same thing.

A levy is a *numerical* requirement placed on commands by Headquarters, Department of the Army for mandatory reassignment of enlisted personnel in specified MOS and grades to meet worldwide requirements. Levy assignments are infrequently imposed on commands and only done so in extreme or emergency situations.

SEPOS, on the other hand, is a requirement established by HQ, DA, directing the mandatory reassignment of enlisted personnel on a "*by-name*" basis to meet specific oversea MOS and grade assignments. For assignment equity, the by-name selection is generally based on the premise, "longest in sustaining base—most eligible for oversea movement."

SEPOS accounts for nearly all oversea assignments.

■ **Reassignment Based on Requirements**—Enlisted personnel interested in submitting requests for reassignment are reminded that except for those requests submitted for compelling compassionate reasons, final determination is based on the requirements of the Command for the individual's MOS and grade. For USASA personnel, requests for assignment to non-Agency units in most cases are considered by Headquarters, USASA, without referral to Department of the Army.

■ **OCS Eases Admission Requirements**—Admission requirements for Officer Candidate School recently have been relaxed to give more enlisted men a chance to become commissioned officers. Interested individuals can now apply to OCS without having a college degree and without serving a full year on active duty. In addition to a passing score on the officer candidate selection exams, applicants need only a high school diploma or the GED equivalent. Company commanders and unit personnel offices have the details.

■ **College Credits Available**—USASA personnel can earn college credit and advanced class standing through the College Level Examination Program offered by the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) and available at local education centers.

The program consists of a battery of tests on specific liberal arts subjects usually covered in the first two years of college. Upon successful completion of the tests an individual may apply for credit or advanced placement from the college of his choice while on active duty or after discharge.

Colleges and universities differ somewhat in the amount of credit and advanced placement they will grant. It is up to the individual to contact the school he is interested in attending and find how his credits will be applied.

The tests are designed for those with college level ability who want to do advanced study at a level commensurate with their ability.

■ **Lower Voting Age Urged**—President Lyndon B. Johnson cited young men in uniform who serve "with the same devotion as their fathers" in recommending the voting age be lowered to 18.

The President proposed that Congress approve and submit for ratification by the state legislatures an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would lower the voting age to 18. Approval of three-fourths of the states is needed for ratification. Eighteen-year-old residents already can vote in Georgia and Kentucky. In Alaska the voting age is 19, and in Hawaii, 20.

■ **Military Photo Contest Announced**—Active and Reserve USASA personnel who act as photographers or information specialists as part of their duties are eligible to enter the sixth annual Military Pictures of the Year Competition.

The contest is for pictures taken between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1968, and will be judged by a group of professional photographers, headed by Prof. Clifton C. Edom of the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Award categories include news, pictorial, sports, feature, personality portrait and picture study with a special award going to the "Military Photographer of the Year."

For details on the contest write: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (OASD-PA), Room 2E773, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301.

■ **Party Preference Needed on FPCA**—Department of Defense voting assistance officials report that some servicemen miss out on the opportunity to vote in their state primary elections because of failure to indicate a political party preference on the Federal Post Card Application for Absentee Ballot (FPCA).

State voting officials need to know the absentee voter's party preference—as indicated in Block 2 of the FPCA—before they can send the proper primary voting ballot.

What's happening in one of USASA's newest commands—the Combat Developments Activity (CDA).

Fortune tellers they're not, but the job of the personnel in the USASA CDA is to visualize what the world situation will be like in the next 25 years, and then plan the needs of USASA to assure that we are in the best position to support our tactical commanders in any future military operation. Here's what it's all about.

The CDA has the responsibility to determine how USASA will be organized, how it will be equipped, and how it will fight in 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1990.

An example of CDA's functions is the current study just completed, *Army Security 1975*. This study describes what the Army Security Agency should be like in the 1970-1975 period.

From the *AS-75* and subsequent studies, detailed descriptions of the equipment requirements, operational and control techniques, and personnel qualifications are developed. These serve as guides to research and development personnel, training centers, and planners for force development.

CDA is everybody's business, and ideas and suggestions are needed. Those who work with a piece of equipment, a control procedure or a support activity often get a good idea on how to do the job better. If that "electric lightbulb" should turn on for you, don't turn it off . . . turn it in.

Tell CDA about it. Pass the idea on when you come up with a new way of doing your job or when new equipment or procedures are needed. Although CDA is not in the product improvement business, you can help in making CDA work for the future. So let's hear from you. Address your comments to: Commanding Officer, USASA CDA, Arlington Hall Station, Arlington, Va. 22212. Naturally, classified comments must be forwarded through your command security channels.

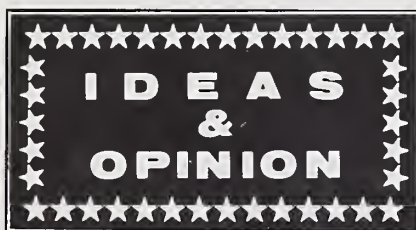
We'll leave the crystal ball gazing to the carnival fortune tellers; the Combat Developments Activity will use the combined knowledge of all

Agency personnel to prepare the USASA for whatever the future may hold.

Message From Army Chief of Staff

General William C. Westmoreland, who succeeded General Harold K. Johnson as Chief of Staff of the United States Army in July, expressed his pride in the modern Army in a message "To the Officers and Men of the United States Army:"

"On the occasion of my appointment as Chief of Staff, I would like to express my great pride in the magnificent organization that is today's United States Army. During my four and one-half years in Vietnam, I have seen our men, our equipment, and our tactics tempered in the crucible of combat. Your courage, pro-



fessionalism and superior training have consistently prevailed against a determined enemy in that vital area of Freedom's Frontier.

"The job is far from finished and the road ahead promises to be difficult. New, and as yet unforeseen, challenges await us. Together, we will meet these challenges and continue to provide the Nation with an Army second to none."

— Correction —

The Signal Security Agency was not the Army component of the Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA) as reported in our last issue. AFSA was formed in July 1949, coordinating the mutual cryptologic activities of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron

Command
Sergeant Major



I recently visited the USASA Training Center and School at Ft. Devens, Mass., and as I drove back to Arlington Hall I felt a deep respect for the people I met and visited with. They serve with pride. The soldiers in each company at the Training Regiment devote many hours of off-duty time to activities that contribute to the overall welfare of the soldiers and the TC&S.

The Menehune Platoon, the Minute Man Platoon, Heritage Hall, the ASA Band, the Honor Guard and the Tall Men's Chorus all make significant contributions to the combat training, morale, and esprit de corps of the entire TC&S.

While I was visiting the hospital, 40 ASA soldiers were donating blood. Nineteen pints were sent directly to our soldiers in South Vietnam. There were also 10 USASA wives at the hospital. They were assisting the medical personnel in the blood drive. When I complimented the ladies on their charitable efforts, one remarked: "We are ASA too, and these are our boys."

I had the pleasure of addressing a graduating class, and it was obvious they were well trained soldiers. The high quality of the instruction they received from the NCOs and other instructors assured their professional competence. Their military dress and bearing were outstanding and I'm sure each man will be a credit to the unit he joins.

From commandant to student, this is a fine command. The TC&S is the first unit to which most of our soldiers are assigned. The TC&S welcomes them, informs them of the traditions of the USASA, the Army and the U.S., and trains them to do a job. The TC&S does a good job!



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The nine-member Special Drill Squad from USASA Spt Gp, Ft. Meade, Md., steps out in precision under the appreciative eyes of the picnickers.



A special camera technique produces a misty effect around Mr. J. B. Stokely of Falls Church, Va., and one of his famous Tennessee Walking Horses.



The picnic grounds were alive with the sound of good music thanks to the tasteful selections of the U.S. Army Field Band of Washington, D.C.

July 27, 1968

FS Vint Hill Farms

